

Amendments to the Claims:

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

Listing of Claims:

1. (Currently Amended) A system for managing access to digital images ~~stored on a user computer~~, comprising:
a plurality of user computers each having an image storage device having at least one image file of an image, said user computers identifying at least one authorized third party that may have access to said at least one image file; and
a server for allowing controlled access to a said at least image file stored on said user image storage device~~digital image file of an image stored on a user computer~~, said server ~~having a communication system~~ capable of communicating with ~~a said~~ plurality of user computers; over a communication network and receiving the identified at least one of said user computers having at least one digital image file, said server having pre-authorization for automatic access to said at least one digital image file on said user computer and for permitting access to said at least one digital image file at said server by a third party, said server monitoring access to said digital image file by said third party whenever access by said third party to said digital image file is done without any further authorization by said user computerauthorized third party that may access to the stored image file, said server controlling access to said at least one digital file on said computer when said at least one authorized third party places a request to said server to access said at least one image file whereby said server first accesses said at least one image file on said user computer and then forwards said at least one image file to said third party without any further authorization by said user.

2. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 1 wherein said at least one digital image file includes an electronic address for identifying that ~~said at least one digital~~ image came from said user computer.

3. (Currently Amended) A system according to claim 1 wherein said third party pays an access fee for use and/or down loading of said image ~~of from~~ said user image file ~~from said server~~.

4. (Cancelled)

5. (Cancelled)

6. (Currently Amended) A computer software product for managing digital images stored on a user computer, said software product comprising a computer readable storage medium having a computer program which when loaded into ~~said user computer~~ a server causes the ~~computer server~~ to perform the following steps of:

receiving authorization by said server from said user identifying a third party that may access to digital images stored on said user computer;

allowing controlled access to a by said server to said digital images
~~file of an image stored on a said user computer, said server having a communication system capable of communicating with a plurality of user computers, at least one of said user computers having at least one digital image file, said server having pre authorization automatic access to said at least one digital image file on said user computer and for permitting access to said at least one digital image file at said server by a third party, said server monitoring access to said digital image file by said third party whenever access by said third party to said digital image file is done without any further authorization by said user computer.~~

controlling access to said at least one digital image file stored on said user computer by said server when said server receives a request from said authorized third party to access to said at least one image file whereby said server first access said at least one image file and then forwards said at least one image file to said third party without any further authorization by said user.

7. (Currently Amended) A method for ~~monitoring controlling~~ access to digital image files on a user computer by third parties over a communication network by ~~service providers~~ server of a, comprising the steps of:

receiving authorization by said server from said user identifying a third party that may access to digital images stored on said user computer;

allowing controlled access by a said server to said digital images files stored on said user computer, said server capable of communicating with a plurality of user computers;

monitoring controlling access by to said third parties to said at least one digital image files at stored on said user computer by said server when said server receives a request from said authorized third party to access to said at least one image file whereby said server first accesses said at least one image file and then forwards said at least one image file to said third party without any further authorization by said user.

~~reporting said access by said third parties to said user.~~

8. (Cancelled)

9. (Cancelled)

10. (Cancelled)

11. (Cancelled)

12. (Cancelled)

13. (Cancelled)

14. (Cancelled)

15. (Cancelled)

16. (Cancelled)

17. (New) A system according to claim 1 wherein said identification of said at least one authorized third party occurs by providing a low resolution image file of said image to said at least one authorized third party.

18. (New) A system according to claim 17 wherein said request of said third party comprises using said low resolution image for requesting access to a high resolution image file of said image.

19. (New) A method according to claim 7 wherein said identification of said at least one authorized third party occurs by providing a low resolution image file of said image to said at least one authorized third party.

20. (New) A method according to claim 19 wherein said request of said third party comprises using said low resolution image for requesting access to a high resolution image file of said image.

21. (New) A method according to claim 7 wherein said third party pays an access fee for use and/or down loading of said image from said user image file.